

**TRAC NEWS Vol 1, Number 1**  
**September 23, 2000**

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Hello everyone,

I've been busy these past 10 days or so trying to get some activities nailed down and completed. Just this morning, I successfully installed my first web page ever on my account here at Toad.net. I'll use this space for announcements and information until we get further settled and arrange for a permanent location other than my personal space. The URL for the web page is:

[www.toad.net/~gklein](http://www.toad.net/~gklein)

I've decided to periodically send out a TRAC News edition to supplement our communications in advance of our formal newsletter, the TRAC Record. After that, I'll use this media to periodically announce special events that need a timely distribution. Let me know what you think.

Gary Klein  
President, TRiumphs Around the Chesapeake (TRAC)

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**1. TRAC's First Web site!!**

Well, I finally published my first web page after some 5 years on the Internet. I guess it took that long until I determined that I had something that was worthy of the effort and publish it. Not it's not a fancy page, but I've posted two items which should be of interest to members before our October meeting. On the site I've placed 5 sample TRAC Logo's. It's a beginning and if one is acceptable then we can vote at our next meeting. I'm also interested in other candidate designs as well and if you can think of one, then just email me from the link on the page with your thoughts and I'll see what I can do. Better yet, if you can draw one then please forward it!

Also on the web page is a DRAFT copy of the TRAC Bylaws which includes the mark-ups the committee discussed this week. It's still DRAFT because the committee members have not reviewed the changes I typed in last night and they may have some further comments. I thought it was a good idea to share the information with everyone as soon as possible so remember that at this point, they are still work in progress.

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**2. Bylaws Committee Meeting**

This past Thursday evening, the Bylaws Committee met at the Ram's Head in Savage Mill to review the strawman bylaws I brought to the September membership meeting. We went over every article and made several changes. Committee members will review the current draft and our plans are to have a committee approved set of bylaws ready for the membership to review at the October meeting.

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**3. Directions to meeting the point for traveling to the MG on the Rocks**

Courtesy of our VP, Ken Shapiro, here are the directions to our meeting point for traveling to the MG on the Rocks on Saturday, 30 September. We will meet there at 9:30 and depart by 9:45!

>From Rt. 95 Exit 67D (White Marsh Town Center)

Left at first light (Honeygo Boulevard)

>From Rt. 695 Exit 31C (White Marsh Boulevard)

Right at Perry Hall Boulevard

The mall has a road that completely circles the mall. Drive around the road until you see the Olive Garden Restaurant on the outside of the circle. Park somewhere on the lot at that point if you're the first one there. Otherwise, park near a solitary TR2, a few TR3's, a few TR4's, the many TR6's, a single GT6+, Spitfire, TR7 or a couple of TR8's.

I'll have my cell phone that morning if anyone needs to ring me for directions or help.

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#### **4. Time/Date/Directions to the next TRAC meeting**

Our next meeting will be held at the home of fellow members Jack and Carol Schmelyun on Wednesday, October 11 from 7:00 to 9:00PM. Their address is 102 Dickens Street, Glen Burnie, MD

From the Baltimore beltway (I-695) take EXIT 4 (I-97 South) for approx. 1 mile to EXIT 16 (MD648 South). Go SOUTH on route MD648 for 0.3 mile to the first traffic light and turn LEFT on Eastern St. Go 0.2 mile and turn LEFT on Fernglan Ave. Go one block and turn RIGHT on Dickens St. Our house is the second on the LEFT,. 102 Dickens St.

First arrivals feel free to park on the front lawn via the driveway with later arrivals parking in the driveway and on the street. If you get lost, our number is 410-768-8913.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Thanks Jack and Carol. I suspect our dripping engine oil will help keep the dust down.

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#### **5. Agenda for the next TRAC meeting**

For our next meeting, here's my proposed agenda. I think that we have perhaps one more good evening to take care of business but I suggest that we don't over do it at this time. Let's have something interesting to do.

1. Read last meeting's minutes and the Treasurer's report - 5 minutes
2. Review Old Business - 5 minutes
3. New Business
  - a. Bylaws Discussion - 30 minutes max If we don't finish then it will wait till November.
  - b. Logo Discussion - 15 minutes
  - c. Event Committee - Formation of a committee to plan/coordinate TRAC events - 15 minutes  
(NOTE: I'd like everyone to think about whatever events and activities they'd like TRAC to hold in the coming months)
  - d. Meeting Committee - Identify 2 volunteers to scout candidate establishments for holding future meetings, one on the North side and one on the South side of Baltimore - 5 minutes
  - e. Discuss the possibly of holding a Holiday Party - 5 minutes
4. Technical Topic of General Interest - Any volunteers to lead a technical discussion on a topic of their choice for up to half hour? - 30 minutes
5. Establish the date, time and location for the November meeting. – 10 minutes
6. Close at 9:00

If anyone has any other topics, please forward them to me at [gklein@toad.net](mailto:gklein@toad.net).

See you at White Marsh and/or on the 11th!

Gary

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# TRAC NEWS Vol 1, Number 2

## October 18, 2000

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### 1. TRAC Logo Update on the web site

I've updated the webpage to display a few different versions of the revised logo we decided to focus on. The top two designs are variations of the design with the Triumph logos as we discussed at the October meeting while the six designs displayed below are variations without the Triumph logo's and with different TRAC frames on the bottom. I tried a different combination within the oval - overlaying the State picture over the Union Jack instead of the flag showing through the State.

I'm not happy with the top two designs for a few reasons. The first is that the Triumph logo's clutter up the overall logo; they make the overall design too busy in my opinion. Additionally, the Triumph logos are so simple to begin with that to change their design to avoid any copyright issue would render them unintelligible at their displayed size so I question why even include them? It's TRAC's logo, our logo. We don't necessarily need a tie-in to any of Triumph's old logos. I vote to keep the TRAC logo simple and easy to reproduce.

For the lower 6 logos on the webpage, the sizes of the TRAC frames and all colors can be modified of course. I'd like to get a final logo by no later than the next meeting so that we can use it on our newsletter and other club correspondence. Please check them out and let me know what you think. You don't have to wait until November's meeting. You can view them at:

[www.toad.net/~gklein](http://www.toad.net/~gklein)

My email address is [gklein@toad.net](mailto:gklein@toad.net)

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### 2. October Meeting Highlights

On Wednesday October 11, TRAC held its second membership meeting at the home of Jack and Carol Schmelyun. The meeting commenced at 7:00PM. The TRAC Secretary, Scott Reese, read the last meetings minutes and the members voted to accept the minutes. The TRAC Treasurer, Sherman Taffel, gave a humorous report on the state of TRAC's liquidity.

The results of the Bylaws Committee were reviewed (see next section) and the membership voted to accept them. A final vote for permanent Officer selection, now that we have bylaws, was delayed until the next meeting when the Vice President can express his acceptance of the bylaws and express his continued desire to fulfill the VP duties for the first year.

Two Member's at Large were nominated and a vote was held. Ralph Mason and Dick Martin will serve on the Board of Directors as Members at Large for the first year. These positions are meant to represent the views of membership at Board functions.

An extensive discussion on Charter Membership followed with the vote to accept new members for Charter designation through June 2001. It was discussed that the number of Charter members should perhaps be limited and it was agreed to review the closing window date in 6 months, should membership grow faster than expected.

Jamie Goffaux will investigate the filing aspects for TRAC Incorporation.

The first set of logo's that were initially placed on the web site were discussed and a vote resulted in a proposed modification to one design. Logo's will be reviewed again in November.

Ben Heller, while not present, volunteered to be TRAC's Event Chairman. The duties of this position were announced to the membership and the call for volunteers to help Ben was made.

The members present agreed to hold a meeting in November. The meeting will be on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-9PM at Scott Reese's house in Fallston. Directions are provided below.

An active effort by a few members to find permanent meeting locations, both on the North side of Baltimore and on the Southwest side will be undertaken so that we may find a home for meetings after the first of the year. Results of the findings will be discussed at the November meeting.

The members decided to forego a Holiday party this December and will discuss a January evening dinner at the November meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:00PM

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### **3. TRAC Bylaws Amended and Accepted by the Membership**

During the September meeting, a Bylaws Committee was established to review and rework the strawman bylaws for membership approval. The committee members were Sherman Taffel, Mike Ferrel, Jaime Goffaux, Dick Martin and Gary Klein. At the October meeting, the Bylaws developed by the committee were discussed among the attending members. A motion to accept the Bylaws, with a clarification to a section regarding the Board of Directors and Officers, unanimously passed a membership vote. Copies of the approved Bylaws will be available to all members in the near future.

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### **4. TRAC's Newsletter Is Coming!**

TRAC's Newsletter Editor, Jaime Goffaux, is working hard with the layout format for the newsletter. He stated at the October meeting that he plans to mail the first newsletter in November. Inputs for this first issue will be received through the end of Octo and any member wishing to place any information in this issue should send Jaime your submission via the internet. He can accommodate Microsoft Word, Works and ASCII Text. For pictures send him either JPEG or GIF files.

Jaime needs your input. Our newsletter will only be as good as WE make it! Send your articles to Jaime at: [jgoffaux@gateway.net](mailto:jgoffaux@gateway.net)

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### **5. TRAC Event Chairman Elected**

One of the Committees that TRAC needs is the Event Committee. This committee identifies and coordinates various activities for TRAC sponsorship and events the membership can attend and enjoy together. While the Events Chairman is responsible "filling" the calendar with activities, he should not be responsible for hosting or coordinating all the events. Ben Heller volunteered to be TRAC's first EC Chairman and he's started a calendar, which I've shown below. As you can see, there are plenty of months that need other activities besides the monthly meeting. Ben's looking for some assistance and we're asking for your help.

Weather permitting, I suggested to Ben that we could have winter drives on the weekends. I'd like to see a TRAC rally as well, perhaps in the spring. Does anyone have any experience with setting one up? At the October meeting, Tech Sessions were discussed as a means of sharing information and assisting one another. I suggest that we decree the First Saturday of the month as Tech Session Day. Are there any volunteers to host the first session?

Please contact Ben to volunteer or to pass on your ideas for activities. He can be reached by email at: [bheller3@starpower.net](mailto:bheller3@starpower.net)

- Nov Monthly Meeting (Thursday November 9, Scott Reese, 7-9PM)
- Dec Monthly Meeting (date & location TBD)
- Jan Monthly Meeting (date & location TBD)
  - Membership Post Holiday Dinner (date & location TBD)
  - Tech Session - "Car Readiness for Spring" (date, host & location TBD)
- Feb Monthly Meeting (date & location TBD)
- March Monthly Meeting (date & location TBD)
  - "Enjoy the first warm day tour" (date, host & location TBD)
- April Monthly Meeting (date & location TBD)
- May Monthly Meeting (date & location TBD)
  - Import Carlisle (May 18-20)
- June Monthly Meeting (date & location TBD)
  - Bowie British Car Day
- July Monthly Meeting (date & location TBD)
- Aug Monthly Meeting (date & location TBD)
  - TRF Summer Party
- Sep Monthly Meeting (date & location TBD)
  - MG on the Rocks
- Oct Monthly Meeting (date & location TBD)

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## **6. Directions to the November TRAC meeting**

Our next meeting will be held at the home of fellow members Scott and Heidi Reese on Thursday, November 9 from 7:00 to 9:00PM. Their address is 3421 Widows Care, Fallston, MD.

- From 695 take Exit 17 North ( Dulaney Valley Road )
- You will now head north for approximately 15 miles via the following directions
- You will cross over The Loch Raven Reservoir
- Once you go over the bridge, Dulaney Valley bares right at the Signal, but you want to keep going straight instead and it becomes ( Jarrettsville Pike )
- Continue on Jarrettsville pike, passing the following intersections:
  - Merrymans Mill Road
  - Paper Mill / Sweet Air Road
  - Manor Road
  - Hess road
- You will soon see Ladew Topiary Gardens on right and will be turning soon
- Right onto ( Route 152 – Fallston Road )
- Left at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street ( Furnace Road )
- Right at First Street ( Quiet Inheritance Drive )
- Right at end of Street ( Aquilas Delight )
- Left at Next Street ( Widows Care )
- We are the 6<sup>th</sup> House on the Left – 3421 Widows Care. Our house is a Brick rancher that sits between 2 colonials.
- Feel free to park on the driveway and there is plenty of parking on the street as well. Please come in through the Garage at the bottom of the driveway.

PS: For detailed directions, log onto ([www.Mapquest.com](http://www.Mapquest.com)) and type in your address and mine and it will give you directions as well. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Thanks Scott and Heidi.

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### **7. Agenda for the November TRAC meeting:**

For our next meeting, here's my proposed agenda.

- Read last meeting's minutes and the Treasurer's report
- Review Old Business
- New Business
  - a. Confirmation vote for TRAC officers
  - b. Logo Discussion and Vote
  - c. Permanent Meeting Locations Discussion
  - d. January Club Dinner Discussion/Planning
  - e. Review Upcoming Events Calendar
- Technical Topic of General Interest - Any volunteers?
- Establish the date, time and location for next meeting
- Close at 9:00

If anyone has any other topics, please forward them to me at [gklein@toad.net](mailto:gklein@toad.net).

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Well, that's about all for this edition of TRAC News. As always, I appreciate your feedback and support (read encouragement, too). See you at Scott's on November 9th!

Gary

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## **TRAC NEWS Vol 1, Number 3 November 20, 2000**

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### **1. November Meeting Highlights**

On Thursday November 9, TRAC held a membership meeting at the home of club Secretary, Scott Reese. The weather was windy and rainy that evening and quite understandably, many members elected stayed home, no doubt watching the continuing election saga. As such, we had only 9 members, not enough for a general membership meeting quorum, but 5 our to 6 Board members were present so we held a board meeting and conducted some business.

The December meeting was discussed and Sherman shared the observation that TRAC is mostly finished with its organizational phase and now must embark on its planning phase. Therefore, the Board decided that the December meeting will be a Board of Directors meeting, HOWEVER, all members are HIGHLY encouraged to attend, as we will start the planning process to identify those activities TRAC will sponsor in the coming year. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 12, 7:00-9:00PM at Kaufmann's Tavern in Gambrells. Everyone's participation is needed and welcomed. (NOTE: If all members would kindly respond to this email stating that either they will or will not attend, I'd appreciate it as I have to give Kaufmanns a headcount no later than one week before. Directions to Kaufmanns appear below as well as a printable version on the website.)

In order to have a logo for the inaugural edition of the "TRAC Record", the Board decided to select a candidate logo from one of those that appeared on the website last month. The selected logo now appears on TRAC's website, located at: [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

Event Chairman, Ben Heller stated his interest in holding a TECH session on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00AM at Scott Reese's home. This session will cover door disassembly and internal part refurbishment and replacement and we'll use Scott's car as the guinea pig, er,..... ah,..... patient! Directions to Scott's can be found in last month's TECH News or on the website.

The remainder of the meeting was spent talking about Triumphs of course. An informative discussion initiated by Chris Horant on DOT 5 Spec brake fluid versus DOT 3 & 4, as well as several other topics of interest were discussed.

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## **2. TRAC Official Logo - View it on the Web**

I've totally updated the webpage with a new format to display TRAC's new logo. There are also pages with an Event Calendar, Points of Contact, Membership Application and so forth. There's now a Photo section where you can post your car's picture as well as a place for photos of future club events. If anyone wishes to send me via email a picture of his or her car, I'll add it to the website. Alternatively, I can scan your favorite photo for you if you send it to me or bring it to a future meeting. I'll return all photos. Email me for my snail mail address.

Also note that the TRAC website's URL has changed. You can view it at: [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

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## **3. TRAC's First Newsletter Is Coming!**

TRAC's Newsletter Editor, Jaime Goffaux, has about completed TRAC's first newsletter and it should be in the mail later this week! Watch your mailbox!

Don't forget Jaime can use new material for future TRAC Record's. Send him your articles at: [jgoffaux@gateway.net](mailto:jgoffaux@gateway.net)

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## **4. December Tech Session**

As I stated above, our first Tech Session Saturday will be on December 2 at Scott Reese's house. Future Tech Sessions will depend on volunteers to share with TRAC's members, their projects or items of interest pertaining to our cars. If you're planning on a repair or modification over the winter, how about announcing your intentions and open your garage up to fellow TRAC members? There just might be someone out there contemplating the same repair that would like to see how it's done. Contact Ben Heller by email at: [bheller3@starpower.net](mailto:bheller3@starpower.net) to schedule a date. In keeping the First Saturday of the month as Tech Session Day, the next available date is Saturday, January 6 followed by February 3, weather permitting of course!

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## **5. January Post-Holiday Party**

TRAC Member-at-Large, Ralph Mason has volunteered to organize a January evening dinner and social for TRAC members and their wives. The date will be selected at the December meeting but for your planning purposes, as of now we're looking a Friday evening, either January 12 or 19. Cocktails will start at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00. Mark your calendars!

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## **6. Directions to the December TRAC meeting**

December 12, 7:00PM -- Meeting at Kaufmann's Tavern in Gambrills - event and activity planning for the coming year. Kaufmanns serves a varied menu ranging from sandwiches starting at \$4.95 up to full dinners. Seafood is a specialty with plenty of other choices for non-seafood loving patrons. I need a headcount soon. Kaufmanns does not take credit cards; cash and checks only. An ATM machine is located on the premises.

### From the North:

Follow the beltway, I-695, to I-97 South towards Annapolis. Follow to Exit 7, MD Route 3 towards Crofton. Follow for approximately 1 mile to the first stop light at MD Route 175. Go RIGHT.

Follow Route 175 for approximately 1 mile and take a RIGHT on Gambrills Road. Kaufmanns is about 1/2 mile on the RIGHT.

### From the South:

Follow I-97 North towards Glen Burnie. Exit at MD Route 32 for Fort Meade (Exit 7?) and follow the ramp signs for the ramp marked for MD Route 3 towards Crofton. Follow for approximately 1 mile to the first stop light at MD Route 175. Go RIGHT.

Follow Route 175 for approximately 1 mile and take a RIGHT on Gambrills Road. Kaufmanns is about 1/2 mile on the RIGHT.

### From the Columbia Area:

Follow MD Route 32 through Fort Meade and exit at MD Route 175. Go RIGHT towards Odenton following Route 175 for approximately 3 miles and take a LEFT on Gambrills Road. Kaufmanns is about 1/2 mile on the RIGHT.

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Well, that's about all for the third edition of TRAC News. As always, I appreciate your feedback and support (read encouragement, too). See you at Scott's on December 2nd and/or at Kaufmanns on the 12th.

Gary

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## **TRAC NEWS Vol 1, Number 4 December 19, 2000**

**TRAC's Web Site - [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)**

### **Contents:**

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3. Are You Nationally Affiliated?



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### 1. December Meeting Highlights

On Tuesday December 12, TRAC held a membership meeting at Kaufmann's Tavern in Gambrills. Nineteen members attended where we covered several topics, listed below, and enjoyed a good meal, camaraderie and some adult beverages.

TRAC has applied for Zone status with the Vintage Triumph Registry, VTR. Association with VTR should increase exposure to TRAC and assist with our membership drive. Additionally, after one year, TRAC can apply for Chapter status, provided TRAC has 10 active VTR members, and gain the valuable benefit of receiving free liability insurance for club sponsored events. Other national organizations were also discussed, notably 6-Pack (club catering to the TR5/250 and TR6 models) of which TRAC is also associated, and TRA.

The members discussed TRAC's printed newsletter, the "TRAC Record". Everyone present expressed how great a job Jaime and Kitty did on the first edition. With our current membership in the twenty's, however, the cost of a monthly newsletter presents a large drain on the club's treasury. After discussion and a vote, for 2001, the "TRAC Record" will be printed every other month with the first edition being Jan/Feb 2001. Hopefully, with a larger membership next year and a fund raising event, the club will be able to revert to a monthly publication.

TRAC will actively pursue incorporation in the State of Maryland early next year.

Ralph Mason provided some information on the January dinner at Liberatores Bistro in Timonium. The members picked their favorite entrees from a private menu. Liberatores will provide us with a private room (provided we have at least 25 people) and a dinner package to include a house salad, choice of one entrée from a list of four or five the members selected, desert and coffee with a cost of approximately \$30 per person, depending on the selection. Drinks will be at a cash bar. The event will start around 6:00PM on Friday, January 19, 2001 for cocktails with dinner around 7:00PM. We'll need 25 people to attend for this special rate and Ralph needs a head count by January 11. Please mark your calendars. This will be a member/spouse or significant other event! More information, exact menu, cost, directions, etc, will be forthcoming before the end of the month via email and posted on the web site under Events.

Dick Martin reported on his inquiry to obtain embroidered club regalia. More information will be forthcoming.

Jaime reported that TRAC could qualify for Maryland specialty tags which show the TRAC logo. Several questions were posed and Jaime's agreed to formally contact the state for information.

TRAC now has a Publicity Chairman. Many thanks to Rich Baines for volunteering!

Event Chairman, Ben Heller led the discussion on TRAC events for 2001. As a starting point, Ben provided a list of various events, tech session topics and shows/events that TRAC could do next year. A lively discussion ensued with several actions assigned. Ben and Russ Pagano will plan a country drive for March/April in the northern part of the State. Several folks on the southern side will also plan a drive for the summer. Vice President Ken Shapiro is chairing a temporary committee (volunteers needed) to search for a location/date/details associated with holding a popular vintage car show. Jaime Goffaux will contact local rally master for help with hosting a rally in association/competition with perhaps the Baltimore MG club. Tech Sessions will still be held on the first Saturday of each month. Ben will be sending out a club-wide email with more information on these events.

There will be no meeting in January; only the dinner.

There will be a TRAC Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 15, 7:00PM on the south side, location TBD. While this meeting is mandatory for Board members, all regular members are invited to attend.

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## 2. New TRAC Members

This month, TRAC's received 3 new members, Richard Andersen, Maureen Royle and Raymond Price. A big welcome to them all!

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## 3. Are You Nationally Affiliated?

TRAC's original membership application did not ask this question but the new one on the web does. As noted above, TRAC will need 10 VTR members by this time next year to apply for Chapter status so I'd like to know what organization(s) you may belong to. All club affiliations are appreciated. Please email Gary stating the national organization(s) to which you belong. [gklein@toad.net](mailto:gklein@toad.net)

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## 4. January Tech Session

Treasurer, Sherman Taffel, will host the first Tech Session of the New Year on Saturday January 6. This will be an indoor session and the topic will be master cylinder overhaul. Watch for an email from Ben Heller announcing time and directions.

BTW, if you're planning a repair or modification and can host a session, please contact Ben Heller by email at: [bheller3@starpower.net](mailto:bheller3@starpower.net) to discuss and schedule a date.

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Well, that wraps up the fourth edition of TRAC News. Watch the website for event updates and my email with info on the January dinner.

Gary [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

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# TRAC NEWS Vol 1, Number 5 January 28, 2001

TRAC's Web Site - [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

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January Dinner Highlights  
February Meeting  
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## 1. January Dinner Highlights

On Friday January 19, TRAC held its first Winter Dinner at Liberatore's Italian restaurant in Timonium. Fourteen members and twelve spouses and partners gathered shortly after 6:00PM for cocktails and dinner. A total of twenty-six people ventured out on this rainy evening. Liberatore's provided a separate room for our event and the atmosphere was perfect for friendly discussion about British cars and countless other topics. Members were seated for dinner shortly past 7:00PM and we were offered our choice of starter, entree and dessert. I think everyone will agree that the meal was fantastic.

Also attending the affair were new members who own Jensen automobiles. Through the efforts of Sherman Taffel, fellow Jensen mailing list members from "Around the Chesapeake" area have joined TRAC.

The evening passed very quickly and after photo's, those attending started to leave shortly after 10:00PM. Once again, on behalf of TRAC, I'd like to extend our thanks to the owner and staff at Liberatore's and fellow TRAC members, Ralph and Dorothy Mason for coordinating everything.

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## **2. February Meeting**

There will be a TRAC Membership meeting on Thursday, February 15, 7:00PM on the south side, location TBD. Nominations and voting for Vice President will be held together with some other club business. I'll announce the location within a few days. Check the website for details.

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## **3. New TRAC Members**

Since last month, TRAC's received 4 new members: David Young and Dianne Taylor, Chuck Moreland and Diane Scanea, Kevin Owens and Bonn Macy. Welcome to all our new members and we look forward to seeing you at our events.

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## **4. February Tech Session**

TRAC's Event Chairman, Ben Heller, will host February's Tech Session on Saturday February 3. The topic for this session will be recovering you seats. Ben's still waiting for the foams for his seats so the agenda may be have to be changed. Watch for an email from Ben confirming the agenda and announcing time and directions.

Also, if you're planning a repair or modification and can host as session, please contact Ben Heller by email at: [bheller3@starpower.net](mailto:bheller3@starpower.net) to discuss and schedule a date.

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This is a short edition of TRAC News as the Super Bowl game has my attention at the moment. Watch for an update to our website with photo's from the Dinner, perhaps on Monday.

Please make an attempt to make our February meeting.

Cheers,

Gary [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

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**TRAC NEWS Vol 1, Number 6**  
**February 19, 2001**

**TRAC's Web Site - [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)**

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2. National Triumph Association Affiliation
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### 1. February Meeting Highlights

On Thursday February 15, TRAC held a membership meeting at Kaufmann's Tavern in Gambrills. Twenty members attended. Highlights of the meeting are listed below:

TRAC's Secretary, Scott Reese, was unable to attend at the last minute so the minutes from the December's meeting were not read. Subsequently, no old business was discussed.

TRAC Treasurer, Sherman Taffel, provided a report on the club's treasury.

Dick Martin gave an update on his search for club regalia items. Currently, he's received information from two companies, one that embroiders items like hats, shirts and jackets and another that can make patches of the TRAC logo for use with our present clothing. Gary Klein reported that he's been in contact with a second embroidery company and is awaiting pricing information. Dick also circulated example copies of club membership card designs he's been working on. The Board will review these topics at next month's meeting and make a decision.

Ben Heller, Event Chairman, gave an update for the upcoming TRAC events. The March Tech Session will be held on Saturday, March 3 and the topic will be Seat Restoration & Recovering. As stated on the webpage, the April Tech Session will be a TSD Rally class and provided we get enough students, in afternoon there will be an actual rally for the students to test their skills. This session will not be held on the traditional first Saturday in April but will be delayed 2 weeks, until April 21 in order to accommodate the instructor, Mr. Len Picton, rally master and member of the MG's of Baltimore club. On the topic of a car show, the general consensus was that TRAC should hold off attempting to host its own show this season. Instead, we decided to attend, en mass, other local shows forming a TRAC contingent. Sherman Taffel reported that the Capitol Triumph Registry and the Mason/Dixon club are organizing a get together this year and suggested that TRAC inform CTR of our interest. Many members expressed interest with participating in a Triumph Gathering like this. More details to follow.

Club Newsletter Editor, Jaime Goffaux, has been in contact with the MVA and reported on the opportunity of obtaining TRAC Club tags for TRAC members. Essentially, the club needs an initial order of 25 tags and the cost will be a one-time fee of \$25/set of tags. This topic will be discussed at next month's Board meeting. Look for details on this opportunity in the next "TRAC Record".

The main purpose of this meeting was to elect a club Vice President. No early nominations were submitted, however, two present Board members agreed to exchange duties. Sherman Taffel agreed to fulfill the duties of VP and Dick Martin agreed to fulfill the duties of Treasurer. The members present voted unanimously to the exchange. This vote, however, left one Member-at-Large position open and Bob Wittlinger accepted nomination to the position. He also was unanimously elected.

Gary Klein raised the topic of purchasing a TRAC Banner for display at club sponsored functions and when we attend other functions as a club. The size and design options for a banner were discussed and several members agreed to contact sign makers they were familiar with and get a quote. The findings will be discussed at next month's Board meeting.

Club Incorporation was discussed in December but no progress has been made to date with the exception that TRAC has secured the services of an attorney who's offered to assist us pro-bono.

During the meeting, Gary Klein reported that he's received no information on TRAC's application for Zone status with the Vintage Triumph Registry, VTR. However, two days later, he received the official acceptance from VTR. TRAC is now a VTR Zone! See the accompanying article below.

Ralph Mason graciously donated to TRAC a ceramic clown he's painted for us to use as a fundraiser. Several options were discussed and it was decided to defer until next month's Board meeting, to discuss and decide how to best make use of Ralph's generous gift. Thank you Ralph.

Members were reminded that articles for our newsletter, the "TRAC Record" are needed. Items for the next edition can be emailed to Jaime at [jgoffaux@gateway.net](mailto:jgoffaux@gateway.net) Text articles and photos are acceptable. The next edition will be March/April 2001.

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## 2. National Triumph Association Affiliation

TRAC is now officially associated with both the Vintage Triumph Registry and 6-Pack. National affiliation offers TRAC opportunities to participate in activities, TRAC gains exposure for new members in the Maryland area, and in the case of the VTR, TRAC will be covered by free liability insurance for club sponsored activities after we attain Chapter status (later this year hopefully). Our club will be listed in the VTR quarterly magazine as the affiliated organization in the Maryland region and our web page will be posted on the VTR web page ([www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org)) in the near future. 6-Pack does not list Chapters on their web page (something I'm trying to change) but they do list Chapters in their quarterly magazine.

I encourage everyone to consider membership in either of these fine organizations. To attain VTR Chapter status, TRAC must have at least 10 active VTR national members (we currently have 7). To maintain our 6-Pack affiliation, we need 6 national members (we currently have 3 but 6-Pack is giving us some time to catch up). For further information, give me a call. 410 551-2055.

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## 3. New TRAC Members

In the past month, TRAC's received 4 new members: John & Lisa Sherwood, Glenn and Darlene Dent, John and Peggy Williston and Alan and Mark Schmall. Welcome new members!

Watch for a separate email with updated Members Name/Address/Phone numbers.

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## 4. March Tech Session

TRAC's Event Chairman, Ben Heller, will host the March Tech Session on Saturday March 3. The topic for this session will be recovering you seats. Watch for an email from Ben announcing the time and directions.

As a reminder, if you're planning a repair or modification and can host a session, please contact Ben Heller by email at: [bheller3@starpower.net](mailto:bheller3@starpower.net) to discuss. Tech sessions are held the first Saturday of the month. If you can, please schedule a date!

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## 5. March Meeting

There will be a TRAC Board meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 7:00PM on the north side, location to be announced within a few days. Board members please watch for the agenda as we have several important items to discuss and decide. As a reminder, members are welcome at Board meetings. Contact me for more information.

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Watch for updated club information on our website.

Cheers,

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TRAC's Web Site - [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

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1. March Board Meeting Highlights

On Tuesday March 13, the TRAC Board of Directors together with the Events and Publicity Chairmen and the TRAC Record editor, met at Schooners Restaurant in Fullerton, MD. Attendees were Gary Klein, Scott Reese, Ben Heller, Sherman Taffel, Jamie Goffaux, Richard Baines, and Dick Martin. Highlights of the meeting are listed below:

- I. The first item on the agenda was the topic of Regalia. Gary Klein and Dick Martin both did some research on this topic as far as Shirts, Hats, Sweatshirts, Banners, Etc... Gary Klein found a local outfit that does a good job for a reasonable price. The Board had a long discussion on all the different possible combinations of colors and types of clothing. In the end, the Board agreed to start with Shirts of various colors with the TRAC logo embroidered on it and also to have the words, "Charter Member" below the logo. There will be a one-time setup fee of \$75.00, and the shirts will be cost approximately \$25.00 each. This price was based on an estimate of 30 shirts.
- II. The second Regalia item to be discussed was a Banner. Gary Klein contacted 3 different local firms, and received 3 different prices. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to go with a smaller Banner which will be 7 feet by 3 feet and has both the TRAC logo, and "TRiumphs Around the Chesapeake" written on it. The banner chosen was of a moderately heavy material (13oz). This will cost the club \$167.00 plus tax. The entire board agreed that it would be valuable tool to help with recruiting new members at shows and events we attend.
- III. The next point of discussion was that of the Club newsletter. Several ideas to reduce costs and membership inputs were kicked around, such as putting the newsletter on the web site, and having a page in a national British Car newsletter. Jamie Goffaux said that he has basically received no articles from the membership for the next newsletter. Due to a shortage of material to put in the newsletter, and the great cost of publishing the newsletter, the Board agreed for meantime to only publish the TRAC Record on a quarterly basis. The TRAC News that Gary Klein sends via email monthly will serve to keep the membership up to date with current club activities.
- IV. The next item was how to sell / raffle off the wonderful Clown Statue donated by Ralph Mason. The Board discussed a few ideas and decided to investigate selling it on E-bay or to hold a raffle. Rich Baines agreed to search E-bay and see what such items are bringing on-line. The other choice is to do a

raffle, in which the Board would like to see all club members sell 5 tickets each at perhaps a \$1.00 per ticket. The results of Rich's investigations and selling tickets will be discussed at the April Membership meeting.

- V. The last item on the table was the TSD Rally tech session. Jamie Goffaux hooked TRAC up with a TSD expert named Len Pickton. Len is going to put on a Tech session describing how to do a TSD Rally. If we get enough members in attendance, (15-20 cars), then we could possibly host a small TSD rally that day. Since we thought it doubtful that we would get that kind of attendance, the Board decided to hold a classroom session in the morning and then to have a small Southern tour in the afternoon, without the rally that day.

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## 2. TRAC Regalia

At the March Board meeting, different clothing regalia options, initially reported at the February Membership meeting, were reviewed and the options discussed. After considerable discussion, the Board overwhelmingly agreed to contract with Shirtz 4 U to produce TRAC's official clothing regalia. Shirtz 4 U provided the best set-up cost and will permit small quantity orders. Additionally they produced a sample-embroidered patch and forwarded it to Gary prior to the Board meeting for consideration. The logo will be approx. 2 7/8" wide by 2 3/8" high, fully embroidered in 4 colours. The logo will be placed on the left breast of shirts and similar items as well as on hat fronts. Additionally, the words "Charter Member" will be written below the logo for shirts and across the back of hats for those members so eligible. All orders must be placed through TRAC.

The Board will be meeting with Shirtz 4 U this Saturday to pick final styles and colors. Prices are expected to be in the mid \$20's for a short sleeve, 3-button, 100% cotton golf shirt by Outer Banks and hats are expected to be in the mid teens. Other items such as sweat shirts, jackets and denim long sleeve shirts will be considered as well. Men's and Ladies sizes will be available.

Hopefully, samples will be available for viewing at the April Membership meeting. Orders may be placed at this time so bring your check book!

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## 3. New TRAC Members

In the past month, TRAC's received 2 new members, our 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup>. Welcome new members Tony & Mary Ellen Belenki and John and Anita Zahn. Tony owned a TR6 many years ago as well as a MG Midget. He's currently in the market for a good TR6. John is into restoring and selling Spitfires and has recently sold his ride. Hopefully, he'll find his new project soon and will be able to join us, "On the Road"!

Watch for a future email with updated Members Name/Address/Phone numbers.

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## 4. April Tech Session

TRAC's April Tech Session will be held 2 weeks late next month, on Saturday April 21. We slipped the date in order to accommodate Mr. Len Picton, rally master and member of the MG's of Baltimore club, who's graciously agreed to teach TRAC the art of road rally's. TRAC's newsletter editor, Jaime Goffaux, knows Len and has arranged for this special session. During the morning, TRAC members will learn how to run and setup a real road rally. After the session, Event Chairman Ben Heller has arranged for a scenic drive in the area. The meeting location will be the Ellicott City area and will start in the morning. A separate email will announce the exact location, time and provide directions. So find a calculator and your watch with the second hand. Let's make this event the biggest Tech Session yet!

As always, if you're planning a repair or modification and can host a session, please contact Ben Heller by email at: [bheller3@starpower.net](mailto:bheller3@starpower.net) to discuss. Tech sessions are usually held the first Saturday of the month. If you can, please schedule a date!

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5. March Meeting

There will be a TRAC General Membership meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 7:00PM on the north side, location to be announced within a few days via email and on the web site.

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6. TRAC Record Articles

Members are reminded that articles for our newsletter, the "TRAC Record" are needed. Items for the next edition can be emailed to Jaime at [jgoffaux@gateway.net](mailto:jgoffaux@gateway.net) Text articles and photos are acceptable. The next edition is scheduled for May publication so please forward your articles by mid-April.

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Well, that's about all for now. Don't forget to watch for updated club information on our website.

Cheers,

Gary [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

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1. April Membership Meeting Highlights

On Wednesday April 11, a TRAC General Membership meeting was held at Schooner's Restaurant in Fullerton, MD. The following members attended: Scott Reese, Gary Klein, Mike Ferrell, Ralph & Dorothy Mason, Bob Wittlinger, Chris Horant, Ben Heller, Russ Pagano, Mark Schmall, Al Schmall, Dick Martin, Gene Pulket, John Zahn, Sherman & Camellia Taffel. Don Pritchard joined TRAC. Highlights of the meeting are listed below:

- I. The first order of business was a discussion of meeting other area clubs and introducing TRAC to them. Board members will coordinate with local British Car Clubs this Spring and attend one of their meetings. MG's of Baltimore and the Capital Triumph Registry were named and members were asked to identify other candidate clubs in the area for us to contact.
- II. Clown Raffle: The result of the Ebay search and raffle were discussed and we decided to hold a raffle of the clown. A volunteer is urgently needed to coordinate the raffle. Additionally, anyone knowing a



candidate company/shop/etc. whom they may approach to pay for the printing of the tickets are urged to contact Gary.

- III. Car badge: Ralph Mason is working on getting quotes for a TRAC car badge. Stay tuned for more details.
- IV. TRAC's new Banner made it's inaugural debut, and will accompany the club at the TSD rallye class and future events.
- V. The initial shipment of TRAC embroidered shirts were delivered to club members and everyone seemed very pleased with their purchases.
- VI. The TSD Rallye Tech Session was discussed to remind members of its time and location. Jaime Goffaux has arranged for Len Picton to hold a technical session for club members. TRAC's Vice President, Sherman Taffel and his wife Camellia have arranged for TRAC to hold the session at the Savage Mill's shops.

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## 2. April TSD Tech Session

TRAC's April Tech Session was held 2 weeks late next month, on Saturday April 21, but what a terrific session and day it was! Fourteen TRAC members and 3 spouses brought 10 cars to the session. We slipped the date in order to accommodate Mr. Len Picton, rally master and member of the MG's of Baltimore club, who's graciously agreed to teach TRAC the art of driving in a road rallye. We started to assemble around 9:00 and our cars were positioned on a grassy knoll at the entrance into the upper parking area with the TRAC banner proudly displayed! At around 10:15, we meandered inside for a short visit to see Endless Road and the various automobile memorabilia that Dave has on display. He special ordered some Triumph items for the occasion. Class instruction started at 10:30 and Len held our attention for a 2 hours, a full 30 minutes more than he expected to. Len taught us everything from the history of rallyes to how to read rallye instructions and actually run one. After class, everyone retired to the Ram's Head for lunch and the members asked Len to join them. By the end of lunch, it was after 2:00 and time to depart Savage Mills and take the drive mapped out by Ben Heller and Russ Pagano. Our route took us through the back roads of western Howard County and lasted about an hour. The rain held off, mostly, but no one was about to be the only car to put their hood up! Seven members joined us for the beautiful drive.

Overall, it was a great outing, marking TRAC's first event for 2001. Many thanks are due to Sherman and Camellia for coordinating with the Savage Mills management (the Savage Mills management expressed their pleasure at seeing our cars at the Mill perhaps we can hold another event there next year); to our instructor, Mr. Len Picton for an enjoyable and informative session; for Jaime Goffaux for coordinating calendars with Len; and to Ben Heller and Russ Pagano for the laying out the terrific drive. Thanks everyone! Now, who's game to enter the MG's of Baltimore's rallye on May 6<sup>th</sup>?

As a side note, if you're planning a repair or modification and can host a tech session, please contact Ben Heller by email at: [bheller3@starpower.net](mailto:bheller3@starpower.net) to discuss. Tech sessions are usually held the first Saturday of the month. If you can, please schedule a date!

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## 3. New TRAC Members

In the past month, TRAC has gained a new member, our 39<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to Don & Laurie Pritchard who own a 1973 and 1974 Jensen Healey's. Welcome to TRAC Don and Laurie, and we're looking forward to seeing those cars!

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## 4. TRAC Regalia

The TRAC web site has a picture of two of the items available for purchase and a link to an order form which lists all items that are available. Everyone's reminded that items can be ordered anytime from TRAC's Treasurer, Dick Martin, and they will be delivered within a few weeks. Just print out the form and send it off to Dick at his address, noted on the form.

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#### 5. May Meeting

There will be a TRAC General Membership meeting on Thursday, May 10, 7:00-9:00 PM at Kaufman's Tavern in Gambrills. Check the web site for directions.

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#### 6. TRAC Record Articles

Members are reminded that articles for our newsletter, the "TRAC Record" are needed. Items for the next edition can be emailed to Jaime at [jgoffaux@gateway.net](mailto:jgoffaux@gateway.net) Text articles and photos are acceptable. The next edition is scheduled for publication in May so please forward your articles ASAP! Let's make this edition a special edition as we'll print off extra copies to hand out at the Bowie British Car Show in June.

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#### 7. Coming Events

April 28 - Spring Fling #7, Kent Island, sponsored by the Kent Island Cruisers. Contact Rich Baines for more info.

April 29 - Britain on the Green at Woodlawn, sponsored by the Capital Triumph Register. Gary and Sherman will be attending. Contact Gary for more information.

May 5 - Tech Session, topic TBA

May 6 - Classic Car Meet - Richmond, VA, sponsored by the Richmond Triumph Register

May 6 - Get the Dust Off Rally - hosted by the MG's of Baltimore (What a great way to try your new skills!)

May 10 - Membership Meeting - 7-9PM, Kaufmann's Tavern.

May 18-20 - Carlisle Import Car/Replicar Show & Flea Market

May 19-27 - British Car Week - GET OUT AND DRIVE IT!

May 26 - Hope Lodge Car Show - Fort Washington, PA, sponsored by the Delaware Valley Triumphs, Ltd.

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Well, that's about all for now. Don't forget to watch for updated club information on our website.

Cheers,

Gary [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

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TRAC's Web Site - [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

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### 1. May Membership Meeting Highlights

On Thursday May 10, a TRAC General Membership meeting was held at Kaufmann's Tavern in Gambrills, MD. The following members attended: Scott Reese, Gary Klein, Mike Ferrell, Ralph & Dorothy Mason, Bob Wittlinger, Ed Oldewurtel, Ben Heller, Rich and Carol Baines, Russ Pagano, Mark Schmall, Al Schmall, Dick & Karen Martin, Roger Blau, John Zahn, Sherman Taffel, David White, Roberta Riffle and Tony Belenki. Highlights of the meeting are listed below:

- I. The first order of business was a discussion of a TRAC's policy of keeping the membership list closed except to members only. The topic dealt with a request from member Bill Taylor to honor a request from Jim Booth of Northwest Motors who asked to receive our newsletters. Members discussed the benefits and drawbacks of changing this policy and in the end, a vote to change the TRAC Bylaws was unanimously passed. See details below.
- II. Ben Heller provided reminded everyone of our upcoming events and to watch the club web page for up to date information. He and Sherman also mentioned the highlights of the May Tech Session.
- III. Ralph Mason has continued his efforts to get quotes for a TRAC car badge and reported that he's getting close to getting some definitive info.
- IV. Summer driving events were discussed and almost everyone present was interested in participating in TRAC organized drives this summer. We decided to set aside the third Saturday of the month for driving events and the first event will be held on Saturday, June 16. Club Secretary, Scott Reese volunteered to organize the first event. More information (time, place, and destination) will be forthcoming. In July, we'll have a "Topless Drive" with details to be provided later.
- V. Bob Wittlinger obtained advanced copies of the entry application for this year's British Car Day in Bowie. If you didn't attend the show last year and need an application, contact either Ben Heller or Russ Pagano soon! They have the left over applications. NOTE: This year, NO drive up registrations will be accepted as they're limiting the field to 400 cars. Everyone's advised to Get Your Application In Early!

As a side note, I'll be at Bowie and will have my canopy, a couple of chairs and the TRAC Banner proudly displayed. We'll print extra copies of the June TRAC Record to hand out as well as have club membership applications available. I'd like every TRAC member attending Bowie to plan on "manning" the TRAC Banner area to greet visitors and talk about TRAC, for an hour or so shift per member. I can't do it alone and would like the break to visit the other cars on the field, too. We'll discuss this more at the June Meeting.

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### 2. May Tech Session

TRAC's April Tech Session was held at Sherman Taffel's house where members disassembled Sherman's TR4's front end. Unfortunately, I wasn't there but it sounds like real progress was made and the Sherman's car was successfully put back together. The team did one side that day. Photo's can be viewed on the website.

If you're planning a repair or modification and can host a tech session, please contact Ben Heller by email at: [bheller3@starpower.net](mailto:bheller3@starpower.net) to discuss. Tech sessions are usually held the first Saturday of the month. If you can, please schedule a date!

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### 3. Bylaws Update

TRAC members have been practicing a policy of keeping the membership and email lists closed to anyone not a club member. At the May membership meeting, we discussed whether we wanted to continue this policy or to share our information with outside concerns. Lots of discussion ensued and in the end, the membership agreed to open the membership list up to anyone who was a dues paying member of TRAC, and that includes business concerns.

Now I'm a little embarrassed to admit it but this policy was not covered by our current Bylaws; rather it was somehow adopted along the way. (I could have sworn that it was in there) Therefore, since we voted to change the "policy", I intend on drafting a proposed modification of the Bylaws and will share this with the Board for discussion and confirmation. When we finalize the changes, I'll forward every member an updated Bylaws file.

What I'm thinking about is something like that shown below. Any comments or suggestions are welcome.

The TRAC membership list, including newsletter, is produced for the benefit of any member, either an individual or business entity, who becomes and maintains a status of regular member of TRAC. For a business entity, regular membership includes the following:

- a. payment of the annual TRAC dues,
- b. financially support TRAC's activities through such things as:
  1. placing periodic advertisements in our newsletter, TRAC Record,
  2. providing financial support to defray activity costs, such as sponsoring TRAC events at the business location, paying for the printing of tickets for club activities, donating services/items for club events, etc.
  3. offering TRAC members a discount on services performed by the business.
- c. place a TRAC membership flyer in an area of prominence within the business concern
- d. submit regular technical/service articles for enclosure in the newsletter, TRAC Record.

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### 4. New TRAC Members

In the past month, TRAC has gained 3 new members. We now have 42! Welcome to David White & Roberta Riffle (David owns a '73 TR6 and Roberta a '73 Spitfire), Roger & Clare Blau ('76 TR6), and Dean Ray ('58 TR3A). Welcome to TRAC everyone and we're looking forward to seeing you and those cars!

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### 5. June Meeting

There will be a TRAC General Membership meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 7:00-9:00 PM at Scooner's Restaurant in Parkdale. Check the web site for directions.

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### 6. TRAC Regalia

Do you have yours yet? Shirts and hats embroidered with the TRAC logo can be ordered anytime from TRAC's Treasurer, Dick Martin, and they will be delivered within a few weeks. Contact Dick or just print out the order form found on the web site and send it, together with your check payable to TRAC, to Dick at his address, noted on the form.

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### 7. Coming Events

May 18-20 - Carlisle Import Car/Replicar Show & Flea Market

May 19-27 - British Car Week - GET OUT AND DRIVE IT!

May 26 - Hope Lodge Car Show - Fort Washington, PA, sponsored by the Delaware Valley Triumphs, Ltd. Is anyone planning on attending?

June 2 - Tech Session, Topic TBA

June 12 - Membership Meeting, North Side at Schooners, 7-9PM.

June 16 - Club Drive arranged by Scott Reese. Details to follow.

June 21-23 - Triumph Register of America National 2001 - Hunt Valley, hosted by the Mason-Dixon TRA. The concours judging is Saturday morning. Let's organize a contingent to attend and cheer on our fellow TRAC TR2-4 members!

June 24 - British Car Day, Bowie MD. Registration forms were mailed on Thursday, May 10. We're hoping for a good TRAC turnout so Register Early!

July 7 - Tech Session, 9:00AM, Topic - Crankshaft End Float Measurement - Location: Gary's house in Severn. More information and directions will be forwarded via email.

July 11 - Membership Meeting, South Side, Kaufmann's, 7-9PM.

July 21 - Topless Club Drive - Details to follow.

October 18-21, 2001 - This is a heads-up. I just received today an entry package for Triumphest 2001 in Ventura, CA. If anyone would like to see this information, I'll bring it to the June meeting or you may view the details at [www.geocities.com/triumphest2001](http://www.geocities.com/triumphest2001)

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Well, that's about all for now. I'll be off to Carlisle this Friday afternoon and will be walking the field on Saturday morning looking for good deals. Hope to see some of you there.

Don't forget to watch for updated club information on our website.

Cheers,

Gary [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

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**TRAC NEWS Vol 1, Number 10**  
**June 13, 2001**

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1. June Membership Meeting Highlights

On Tuesday June 12, a TRAC General Membership meeting was at Schooner's Restaurant in Fullerton, MD. The following members attended: Scott Reese, Gary Klein, Sherman Taffel, Mike Ferrell, Ralph & Dorothy Mason, Ed Oldewurtel, Ben Heller, Al Schmall, Dick Martin, Bill & Connie Taylor, David White, Roberta Riffle and Tony Belenki, Chris Horant, Paul Hagert, Dean Ray and new members, Ralph Eriksen and Gary Heinlein. Highlights of the meeting are listed below:

- I. The first order of business was a discussion of a TRAC's plans for participation at Bowie. Gary stated that this year, an 8'x10' with the TRAC sign will be erected together with a table and some portable chairs. Members had been polled to identify those attending Bowie so that a roster could be identified for member assistance with "manning" the booth. The intent is to greet prospective enthusiasts and introduce them to TRAC. We will stuff flyers into all Triumph cars, and others until the flyers run out, inviting owners to stop by our booth and say hello. We're planning on having about 50 copies of our latest newsletter on hand to hand out those visiting the booth. (Note: members who replied to the email and who volunteered at the meeting will receive a confirmation email with their assigned time at the booth.)
- II. Anyone having a folding table that they could bring to Bowie for use at our booth please contact Ben Heller.
- III. Discussion regarding a picnic at this year's Bowie show resulted in the decision not to plan on any group activity. Instead, TRAC members who will be eating lunch are encouraged to convene at the booth area at noon with their lunch and chair(s).
- IV. New member, Ralph Eriksen, gave a brief introduction of himself and announced a show he's sponsoring, in conjunction with the Lancaster County MG Club, at Gettysburg PA on Sunday, July 15 at the Gettysburg Village Factory Stores complex. (Note: I have extra flyers and will bring them to Bowie for anyone needing one or I can send a scanned one to you.) This sounds like a nice drive to the event and we can bring the wives. There are NO entry fees, only a request for pre-registration so that they can block off enough parking spaces.
- V. Ralph Mason presented his findings on obtaining additional club regalia items, specifically grill badges, pins and patches. I'll bring the letters Ralph's received to Bowie and anyone can look them over. Member comments are invited as the Board will be discuss these items over the next several weeks and report our suggested procurements at the July meeting.
- VI. Dick Martin announced a Fourth of July parade where TRAC members can drive their cars. It's sponsored by the Severna Park Chamber of Commerce. Cars will be required to arrive by 9:00AM. The parade starts at 10:00 and should last about an hour. Contact Dick for more specific information as he'll be entering his car and can use some company.
- VII. We discussed some initial thoughts I had on the Second Annual TRAC Picnic. We've picked a date of Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of Bill Taylor. Watch the web page for more information.
- VIII. Sherman reminded everyone of the TRA 2001 held this year at Hunt Valley and sponsored by the Mason-Dixon Triumph Register of America. The dates are June 21-23. Several TRAC members are also TRA members and will be showing their cars. Contact either Sherman Taffel or Jack Schmelyun for more information.

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2. July Tech Session

TRAC's July Tech Session will be held at Gary Klein's house in Severn. The topic will be engine Thrust Washer measurement. This simple measurement, made simple with the appropriate dial indicator and magnetic base, can be easily made right under the bonnet without disassembling a thing. If you're out of spec you could be damaging your engine! Mark your calendars, Saturday July 7, probably at 9:00AM but I'll send out an email with more information and directions the week after Bowie.

If you're planning a repair or modification and can host a tech session, please contact Ben Heller by email at: [bheller3@starpower.net](mailto:bheller3@starpower.net) to discuss. Tech sessions are usually held the first Saturday of the month. If you can, please schedule a date!

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### 3. New TRAC Members

In the past month, TRAC has gained 3 new members. We now have 45! Welcome to Paul and Kathy Hagert of Joppa ('63 TR3B), Ralph and Barbara Eriksen ('61 TR3A), and Gary Heinlein and Mary Scott ('74 Spitfire). Welcome to TRAC everyone and we're looking forward to seeing you and those cars!

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### 4. July Meeting

There will be a TRAC General Membership meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 7:00-9:00 PM on the South side. We're investigating an alternate location. Check the web site for the location and directions.

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### 5. Coming Events

We're into Summer and that means get out and drive those British Cars. I'm personally planning on attending most of the following events and encourage you to join me. TRAC and LBC's, that's what it's all about!

June 16 - Club Drive arranged by Scott Reese. Details were sent out via email. Looks to be a great day out in the cars!

June 21-23 - Triumph Register of America National 2001 - Hunt Valley, hosted by the Mason-Dixon TRA. The concours judging is Saturday morning. Let's organize a contingent to attend and cheer on our fellow TRAC TR2-4 members!

June 24 - British Car Day, Bowie MD - The field opens at 8:00AM. Most of us will be getting there early.

July 4 - Severna Park Parade - 9:00AM, Contact Dick Martin

July 7 - Tech Session, 9:00AM, Topic - Crankshaft End Float Measurement - Location: Gary's house in Severn. More information and directions will be forwarded via email.

July 11 - Membership Meeting, South Side, location TBA, 7-9PM.

July 15 - British Invasion of Gettysburg, PA

July 21 - Topless Club Drive - Details to follow.

October 18-21, 2001 - This is a heads-up. I just received today an entry package for Triumphfest 2001 in Ventura, CA. If anyone would like to see this information, I'll bring it to the June meeting or you may view the details at [www.geocities.com/triumphfest2001](http://www.geocities.com/triumphfest2001)

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Well, that's about all for now.

Don't forget to watch for updated club information on our website.

Cheers,

Gary [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

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1. June Membership Meeting Highlights

On Wednesday July 11, a TRAC General Membership meeting was held at Bennigan's Restaurant in Columbia, MD. The following members attended: Scott Reese, Gary Klein, Russ Pagano, Ralph Mason, Ben Heller, Al & Mark Schmall, Dick & Karen Martin, David Young & Diane Taylor, Chris Horant, Paul Hagert, John Zahn, David Schenck, Bob Wittlinger and new members, John Boston, Dudley Williams, Steve Williams and Craig Wensley. Highlights of the meeting are listed below:

- I. The first order of business was a review of TRAC member awards at Bowie. It was previously announced that TRAC members took 5 awards but in fact there were 6 in total. Once again, here were the winners:

Spitfires - Chris Horant, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Richard Andersen, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
TR6 '69-74 - Dick Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Scott Reese, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
TR6 '74.5-76 - Mike Ferrel, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Gary Klein, Honorable Mention

Once again, congratulations to everyone!

- II. The July Tech Session was held on Saturday, July 7 at the home of TRAC President, Gary Klein. Eleven TRAC members brought 4 of their cars, all TR6's, to have their engine's crankshaft end-play measured. While the club President's car was disabled to correct this very problem, measurements of the other cars uncovered only one that needs attention. The session lasted about 2 hours and members stayed for a lunch afterwards, served by Priscilla Klein.
- III. Members were reminded of the LANCO Gettysburg Invasion on Sunday, July 15, 2001. Several TRAC members are planning on attending and were encouraged to caravan to the event. See below for up to date information.
- IV. On Saturday, July 21, the Topless Drive #1 will start at 6:30PM at a restaurant on the West side of Baltimore. Meeting location will be confirmed via email this week.
- V. We further discussed the Second Annual TRAC Picnic, planned for Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of Bill and Connie Taylor. The Board has decided to cover the cost of the hamburgers, hotdogs and rolls. A list of needed items will be distributed and each attending family is requested to bring an item to share. This is a family event so please bring everyone. Watch for an email and the web page for more information.
- VI. Dick Martin reported that he's been unable to contact TRAC's shirt vendor, Shirtz-4-U for several weeks now. Dick will be researching an alternative source for club shirts and hats but it's going to take a little while to get back on TRAC! These have been very popular items so hopefully it won't take long. Dick's received several orders, which we currently cannot fill. Anyone who's placed an order and has not yet received their merchandise can request a refund from Dick. More on the status of this effort as it develops.



- VII. New member, Steve Williams, is also a member of the MGs of Baltimore and he encouraged TRAC members who plan to attend this year's event to pre-register as the number of the Triumph car classes and number of awards within the classes is determined the number of pre-registered entrants. I expect many of us will elect to go to the "Rocks" again this year so please send in those registration forms. TRAC will be at the "Rocks" in force this year, just as we were last month at Bowie, in order to get the word out about TRAC. For more information on the Rocks, contact Steve Williams for more information.
- VIII. Scott Reese briefly reported on his recent experience with using synthetic oil in his SU dashpots. From Scott's point of view, synthetic oil is too "slick" for these carburetors and causes them to backfire. Changing to plain old 20W50 or whatever is used in the engine's crankcase eliminated the problem for him.
- IX. Russ Pagano announced that both he and Ben Heller will be attending Roadster Factory Summer Party this year. Both attended last year and had a terrific time. It's not too late to register for the party and anyone wanting more information should contact Russ soon.

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## 2. August Tech Session

TRAC's August Tech Session for Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> needs a topic and a host. Anyone who can share their knowledge on an aspect of Triumph or British cars with the members or perhaps would like the benefit of club member assistance with that special issue, please contact Ben Heller.

If you're planning a repair or modification and can host a tech session, please contact Ben Heller by email at: [bheller3@starpower.net](mailto:bheller3@starpower.net) to discuss. Tech sessions are usually held the first Saturday of the month. If you can, please schedule a date!

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## 3. New TRAC Members

Our efforts at British Car Day in Bowie last month really helped get the word out about TRAC. As a result of our efforts, TRAC has gained 15 new members in since last month. We now have 60! Welcome to Louis Tucker ('65 TR4), John & Marie Boston ('75 TR6), Mark Olkon ('56 TR3, '80 TR8, '53 Morgan +4), Steve & Val Williams ('58 TR3A), Dudley Williams & Lydia Kerboul ('75 TR6), Bill & Mary Ann Nead ('59 TR3A), Gary Ketner & Janice Clements ('70 TR6), Brian & Sharon Hoffman ('60 TR3A), Raymond & Sandra Masse ('76 Spitfire), Bob Lasater ('73 Jensen Interceptor, '65 Austin Healey, '66 Land Rover, '72 MGB/GT), Jim Rallo ('73 TR6), Lee & Gabriela Fishpaw ('74 1/2 TR6), Russel & Julie Williams ('76 Spitfire), Craig & Linda Wensley ('70 TR6) and Steven & Kathy Troch (1097 TR6). Welcome everyone and thanks for joining TRAC!

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## 4. August Meeting

There will be a TRAC General Membership meeting on Thursday, August 16, 7:00-9:00 PM on the North side. We have a new location this month. Check the web site for the location and directions.

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## 5. Gettysburg Invasion

What a beautiful day for a drive! The Lancaster County MG Club sponsored a car show today at the Gettysburg Village Factory Stores complex just south of Gettysburg. TRAC was there in force with 9 cars. Bill and Connie Taylor, Al and Mark Schmall, Bob Wittlinger, Yours truly with Priscilla and Brittany, Ralph Mason, Scott Reese, Lee and Gabriela Fishpaw, Steve and Kathy Troch and David and Kerri Schenck. New fellow TRAC member, Ralph Eriksen, organized this event. While the guys talked cars the ladies looked the shops over. Overall, it was a great day out.

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## 6. Coming Events

Here's a list of upcoming events!

July 21 - Topless Club Drive - The starting point will be on the west side of Baltimore, around Laurel, at 6:30PM. We'll meet for dinner and go out from there. Watch for an email for directions to the starting location.

August 5 - Tech Session - Location/Topic to be announced

August 16 - Membership Meeting, North Side, Location to be announced

August 18 - Topless Drive 2 - Starting point on the North side.

September 29 - MG on the Rocks, Rocks State Park.

October 21 - Hunt Country Classic - Marshall, VA

October 18-21, 2001 - Triumphest 2001 in Ventura, CA. I have a packet. Contact me information or view the details at [www.geocities.com/triumphest2001](http://www.geocities.com/triumphest2001)

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Well, that's about all for now.

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Cheers,

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TRAC's Web Site - [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

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### 1. August Membership Meeting Highlights

On Thursday August 16, a TRAC General Membership meeting was held at the Charred Rib in Timonium, MD. The following members attended: Scott Reese, Gary & Priscilla Klein, Sherman Taffel, Ralph & Dot Mason, Ben Heller, Al & Mark Schmall, Dick & Karen Martin, Chuck Moreland & Diane Scanea, Chris Horant, Paul Hagert, Bill Taylor, John & Anita Marie Zahn, Steve Williams, Craig Wensley. Highlights of the meeting are listed below:

- I. The first order of business was a discussion of pursuing incorporation status for TRAC. All present were in favor of moving forward with the effort and discussions revolved around what "type" of incorporated status we should pursue. A motion was raised and approved that Gary Klein, Sherman Taffel and Dick Martin would investigate TRAC's options and share their findings with the other Board members prior to next month's Membership meeting. At that meeting, the Board will make their recommendation. This topic also brought up discussion of obtaining liability insurance to cover the club for events and

insurance to cover the Board. Insurance is considered very important and will be further investigated in the next few months.

- II. A combined event with the Capital Triumph Register will be held on Sunday, September 9. See below for more information.
- III. This Saturday, August 18, TRAC will hold its second Topless Drive. Our starting point will be Applebee's restaurant off Loch Raven Rd. Plans are to meet at 5 and go in for a meal at 5:30. We should be on the road by 7.
- IV. The Second Annual TRAC Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 25 at the home of Bill & Connie Taylor in Westminster, MD. As of the meeting, 25 people responded and the members were reminded to contact Ben Heller to confirm their attendance and to coordinate their "pitch-in" item. TRAC will be supplying the hamburgers, hot dogs and buns so a head count is very important. See the website for more information.
- V. Members were informed that TRAC needs a topic and volunteer for the September Tech Session. See below.
- VI. Members were reminded that at next month's meeting, nominations for TRAC's Board of Directors would occur. See below.
- VII. TRAC members were reminded to submit their pre-registration applications for the MG on the Rocks show next month. Gathering points will be identified for members to meet and travel in caravans to the show (We need two volunteers to identify locations for West side and South Side members). We'd like to have all of TRAC's members arrive at the Rocks at the same time. This year, we'll erect the canopy and banner as we did at Bowie and ask for volunteers to "man" the booth once more, in order to get the word out about TRAC. Stay tuned for more information. Application for the Rocks can be obtained from either Steve Williams or Gary Klein.
- VIII. TRAC members discussed this year's Holiday Party. We've decided to hold the event in January on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>. A Holiday Party Committee, chaired by Ralph Mason with the assistance of Scott Reese and Ben Heller, will investigate and report to the membership by the October meeting, possible locations and sample menus for this season's event. Stay tuned.
- IX. Members agreed to hold a fund raising raffle for the Clown donated by Ralph Mason. Tickets will be printed and distributed to all TRAC members to sell. The raffle will be drawn at the Holiday party.
- X. Members discussed keeping the Membership meeting on a fixed day of the month in lieu of rotating from Tuesday to Thursday. Starting in September, meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month. The location of the meeting will still alternate between the north and south side of Baltimore.
- XI. TRAC's VP, Sherman Taffel, an avid Jaguar owner as well as TRiumph affectionato, announced an upcoming show sponsored by the Nation's Capital Jaguar Owners Club that is open to all British car owners. The event will be held on September 16 at the Montgomery College off the Rockville Pike. For more information, contact Sherman.

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2. September Tech Session

TRAC's September Tech Session for Saturday Sept 1<sup>st</sup> needs a topic and a host. Anyone who can share their knowledge on an aspect of Triumph or British cars with the membership or perhaps would like the benefit of club member assistance with that special issue, please contact Ben Heller.

If you're planning a repair or modification and can host a tech session, please contact Ben Heller by email at: [bheller3@starpower.net](mailto:bheller3@starpower.net) to discuss. Tech sessions are usually held the first Saturday of the month but we can entertain another day if you prefer. If you can, please schedule a date!

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3. New TRAC Members

In the month since Bowie, TRAC's membership continues to grow. We've gained 4 new members in July and now have 64: Steven & Kathy Troch (1970 TR6), Bob & Louisa Duh (1959 TR3), John and Laura Pinto, and Edward and Diedre Koskie (1976 TR6). Welcome everyone and thanks for joining TRAC!

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4. September Meeting - Nomination of Board of Directors

There will be a TRAC General Membership meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 7:00-9:00 PM on the South side (location to be announced). At this meeting, we'll accept nominations for election to the Board of Directors. In accordance with TRAC's Bylaws, "The nomination into any office is open to any regular membership member in good standing in the Club for at least the one year immediately preceding nomination, ...". Self-nomination is encouraged. Formal elections will follow at the October meeting and voting by proxy is permitted. Early TRAC members, we need you! Please consider volunteering to serve on the Board. Stay tuned for more information on the election.

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5. Crusin' for Crustaceans with the CTR

On Sunday, Sept 9, TRAC and CTR members will meet near Bowie around 11AM for a drive through southern Anne Arundel and Calvert counties. The final destination will be near Chesapeake Beach for a crab feast and cookout with members of the CTR. The estimated cost is \$18/person for anyone having crabs and non-crab eaters around \$5.00 per person (for hamburgers, hot dogs, coleslaw, chips, etc.). People can bring a dessert if they like (cake or cookies are always on the table), but that is strictly optional. Price includes non-alcoholic drinks.

We'll need a head-count and commitment to attend this event, as crabs and some food has to be pre-ordered. Therefore, the event will probably go rain or shine; I'll know soon. There will be shelter and if the weather looks too bad, people can join in non-Triumphs and drive straight-to-the-destination. Stay tuned. Anyone interested in attending this event, please contact Gary Klein ASAP!

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6. Coming Events

Here's a list of upcoming events!

- August 18** - Topless Club Drive 2 - North Side Departure Point. Directions previously provided via email
- August 25** - TRAC's 2nd Annual Picnic - 12-6PM. See the web site or contact Ben Heller for more information.
- August 26** - "A Taste of Britain" sponsored by LANCO, just North of Lancaster, PA
- September 1** - Tech Session - Topic to be announced.
- September 9** - "Crusin' for Crustaceans" Joint TRAC/Capital Triumph Register event.
- September 12** - Membership Meeting 7-9 PM , location - South Side. Main Topic: Nomination for Election of TRAC's Board of Directors.
- September 15** - Monthly Drive - Departure point & information to follow.
- September 16** - NCJOC Concours d'Elegance, Montgomery College, Rockville Pike. Contact Sherman Taffel for more information.
- September 23** - Meeting of the Marques 2001 - Sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Vintage Sports Car Club.
- September 29** - MG on the Rocks, Rocks State Park. Please register early to increase the possible awards for Triumphs. Contact Steve Williams for more information.
- October 21** - Hunt Country Classic - Marshall, VA

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Well, that's about all for now. I hope you can make some of our upcoming events. Don't forget to watch for updated club information on our website.

Cheers,

Gary

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### 1. September Membership Meeting Highlights

On Wednesday September 12, a TRAC General Membership meeting was held at the Sunset Restaurant in Glen Burnie MD. The following members attended: Scott Reese, Gary & Priscilla Klein, Sherman & Camellia Taffel, Ralph & Dot Mason, Ben Heller, Al Schmall, Paul Hagert, Bill & Connie Taylor, John & Anita Marie Zahn, Steve Williams, Russ Pagano, David Young, Mike Ferrel & Jack Schmelyun. Highlights of the meeting are listed below:

- I. Old Business - The members gave a round of applause to Bill and Connie Taylor as thanks for holding this year's TRAC Picnic. The cost to the treasury for the picnic was \$56.48.
- II. The first order of business was the nomination for the election for Board of Directors. In summary, the following individuals were nominated:

President - Gary Klein  
Vice President - Sherman Taffel  
Secretary/Historian - Russ Pagano  
Treasurer - Dick Martin  
Members at Large - Scott Reese and Ralph Mason

Since only one candidate for each Board position was nominated, there is no need to hold a formal election next month. Congratulations and thanks to this year's TRAC Officers and thank you to Bob Wittlinger for serving as a Member at Large during the past year.

- III. Discussion proceeded to the TRAC web site. Currently, the TRAC web pages are hosted on my personal web page and I will be moving to another Internet service provider this fall. Therefore, TRAC needs to find a permanent location. I requested, and received by vote, membership authorization to secure a permanent location for our web space. The cost is expected to be around \$125/year. This cost, however, will be offset from our savings of not having to mail the "TRAC Record" to every member. Since 63 or the 65 current members have web access, most members can download their personal copy from a secure area within the web site. TRAC will only need to print and mail 2 copies resulting in a great savings.

An additional benefit will be that TRAC can now have its own web name. Suggestions such as [www.tracltd.org](http://www.tracltd.org), [www.trac-cars.org](http://www.trac-cars.org) and several others were discussed. The Board will select our final name.

- IV. The Board of Directors has instituted two formal Committees. Ben Heller will chair the Activity Committee and Chris Horant, Paul Hagert and Tony Belinki will support him. Ben still needs a TRAC member from the southern area to help. Committee members will support Ben with the planning and execution of TRAC's events for the upcoming year.

A Show Planning Committee, chaired by Al Schmall, will initially gather information pertaining to

possibility of sponsoring an event next season and report the findings to the Board in November. Should the Board agree to pursue with planning, the committee will then work to propose a date, location and format for the show (e.g. judged event, British car get-together, or other theme idea) and present their proposal to the full membership in early '02 for a vote. Mike Ferrel and Sherman Taffel are members of this committee. Stay tuned for more information.

Both committees can use some more help. Please consider lending a hand and contact either chairman directly.

- V. TRAC Members decided not to hold a club drive in September. The Events Committee is coordinating an activity for Saturday, October 20. Mark your calendars and reserve the day for an afternoon event. More information will be forthcoming.
- VI. Members discussed the selection of a regular meeting night for future Membership meetings. I proposed and received approval to open an email vote to TRAC's members requesting their vote for a preferred meeting date. (Note: I've already sent an email to all members requesting their choice between Tuesday, Wednesday, or to alternate between Tuesday and Wednesday. Whatever the choice, TRAC will still alternate between the north and south sides of Baltimore.)
- VII. The MG on the Rocks show will be held on Saturday, September 29. Once again, TRAC members will meet at the White Marsh Mall parking lot and caravan together to the Rocks State Park. Departure time is currently planned for 9:00AM. Watch for an email from Ben Heller with more information and directions.
- VIII. Karen Martin has secured raffle tickets for the ceramic Clown that was donated by Ralph Mason. Pizza Hut donated the tickets and every ticket is good for some money off the purchase of a pizza. Tickets will be distributed to every member in October and the drawing will be held at TRAC's Winter Dinner on January 12, 2002.
- IX. The Holiday Party Committee, chaired by Ralph Mason with the assistance of Scott Reese and Ben Heller, continue with their investigation into possible hosting locations and they will report to the Membership at the October meeting. Stay tuned.
- X. Paul Hagert mentioned that the British Car Club of Delaware is holding it's annual show in New Castle DE on Sunday, October 7. Contact Paul or myself for more information and an application.
- XI. Name tags, together with TRAC patches, pins and car badges was briefly discussed. The Board will discuss these and other topics at our meeting in November. Stay tuned.
- XII. The next TRAC Membership meeting will be held on the North side at the Charred Rib on Wednesday, October 17, 7-9 PM. Directions will be emailed with the agenda.

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## 2. October Tech Session

TRAC will sponsor an October Tech Session on Saturday Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. Ben Heller is coordination a topic and will be sending an announcement via email.

As a reminder, if you're planning a repair or modification and can host a tech session, please contact Ben Heller by email at: [bheller3@starpower.net](mailto:bheller3@starpower.net) to discuss. Tech sessions are usually held the first Saturday of the month but we can entertain another day if you prefer. If you can, please schedule a date!

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## 3. New TRAC Members

In the past month TRAC has gained 2 new members: Dorsey & Cindy Smith (1975 TR6 and Walter Kleinfelder (1976 TR6). We now total 65 members. Welcome everyone and thanks for joining TRAC!

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4. On Saturday, August 18, TRAC member gathered at Applebee's restaurant in Lock Raven for our second Topless Drive of the season. The threatening rain held off that evening and our drive took us north almost to the PA line and through many back roads of Baltimore county. Unlike July, the temperature stayed warm making the evening drive enjoyable. Once again, at the end of the evening we drove to a Double T diner for a "event finishing" desert.

Both drives this season have been enjoyable. We hope you can join us in October.

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#### 5. Crusin' for Crustaceans with the CTR

On Sunday, Sept 9, TRAC and CTR members met near Bowie for a drive through southern Anne Arundel and Calvert counties culminating in a crab feast and cookout. The drive took us through many miles of back roads that are perfect for driving in an LBC (don't be surprised if we host a club drive through this route in the future). The weather was perfect and the crabs were even better. This was the first TRAC event held with another British car club and surely not the last. Many thanks to the Capital Triumph Registry for planning and inviting TRiumphs Around the Chesapeake to participate this year.

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#### 6. Coming Events

Here's a list of upcoming events!

September 16 - NCJOC Concours d'Elegance, Montgomery College, Rockville Pike. Contact Sherman Taffel for more information.

September 23 - Meeting of the Marques 2001 - Sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Vintage Sports Car Club.

September 29 - MG on the Rocks, Rocks State Park. Please register early to increase the possible awards for Triumphs. Contact Steve Williams for more information.

September 29 - MG on the Rocks, Rocks State Park.

October 7 - British Car Club of Delaware Annual Car Show - New Castle, DE. \$10 registration by 9/21 and get a free T shirt. \$15 at the event. Contact Gary or Paul Hagert for more information

October 6 - Tech Session

October 17 - Membership Meeting, North Side, the Charred Rib, 7-9PM.

October 20 - TRAC Driving Event - Watch the web site and for an email with details.

October 21 - Hunt Country Classic - Marshall, VA

January 12, 2002 - TRAC's Winter Dinner - Mark your calendars!

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Well, that's about all for this month's edition. Although the season's winding down, there are still plenty many activities planned for getting out and driving together. If you haven't participated in a TRAC drive, how about dusting off the keys and join us!

Don't forget to watch for updated club information on our web site. For now, still located at:

[www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

Cheers,

Gary

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**October 22, 2001**

TRAC's Web Site - [www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/](http://www.toad.net/~gklein/TRAC/)

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1. TRAC News Format Change

Starting with this issue, the TRAC News will contain a wrap-up of the preceding membership meeting, a listing of upcoming events and any message that needs to be distributed in a timely fashion. We are attempting to publish our formal newsletter, the TRAC Record, more frequently and the additional TRAC information that was previously found here will be saved for that publication. In the very near future, TRAC members will be able to download from our web site, the latest copy of the TRAC Record. Stay tuned!

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2. October Membership Meeting Highlights

On Wednesday September 17, a TRAC General Membership meeting was held at the Charred Rib Restaurant in Timonium. The following members attended: Scott Reese, Russ Pagano, Gary Klein, John & Anita Marie Zahn, Al & Mark Schmall, Dick Martin, Sherman & Camellia Taffel, Ralph & Dot Mason, Ben Heller, Paul Hagert, Bill & Connie Taylor, Chris Horant, Chuck Moreland & Diane Scanea, David Young & Diane Taylor, Ed Oldewurtel, Craig Wensley, Dudley Williams, Steve Williams, & Jack Schmelyun. Highlights of the meeting are listed below:

- I. Nineteen members responded to the email vote to determine the meeting night. There were 2 votes for Tuesday, 1 vote for Wednesday and 16 votes to alternate between the two evenings.
- I. Members were reminded of the TRAC Club drive on Saturday.
- I. Karen Martin arranged for Pizza Hut to provide free of charge, 750 tickets for the clown raffle. Every dollar goes to TRAC's treasury with this raffle and each member was given 12 tickets to sell. Members who were not present at the meeting will receive their tickets via mail.

A donation for each raffle ticket of \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5 is requested. On the back of each ticket is a Pizza Hut coupon good for \$2 off a medium or \$3 off a large pizza. Tickets are redeemable at any participating Pizza Hut in the greater Baltimore area. Many thanks to Pizza Hut for providing the tickets.

The winning raffle ticket will be selected at TRAC's Winter Party held on January 12, 2002.

- I. Al Schmall gave an update to the activities of the Show Planning committee. They are currently in the conceptual development stage and welcome any ideas from members for a show next season. Please contact Al directly.

Ben Heller announced the upcoming plans for Tech Sessions.

Ralph Mason provided an update for planning for the Winter Dinner. The location will either be the Boumi Temple or Liberatore's restaurant. A final decision will be made in November.



- I. Members were reminded that now that TRAC is one year old, annual membership renewal reminders will be sent via emails. When contacted, everyone is requested to reply at their earliest convenience.
- I. Ken Greco of Cars-on-Canvas displayed British items to TRAC members. He carries artwork, calendars and other products and his web site is <http://www.cars-on-canvas.com>
- I. Several times in the past, I've mentioned the benefits of becoming a member of the Vintage Triumph Registry. VTR a the national all-model Triumph organization and they really support the marque by sponsoring an in-depth web site (click on the VTR picture on TRAC's homepage), printing a quarterly magazine and holding annual national conventions. TRAC is currently a VTR Zone affiliate and we'd very much like to apply for Chapter status, but we need to have at least 10 active VTR members. If you are already a VTR member, please let me know by passing your membership number, located above your name on the VTR newsletter. If you'd like to become a member, annual dues are just \$30. You can contact me for more information.
- I. TRAC Regalia will be available very soon as we've identified a new supplier. We will now have embroidered sweatshirts available as well as similar items that we previously offered. Most prices will be the same and the current outstanding orders will be honored at the old price. Watch the web site for the link to the Regalia page!
- I. TRAC Member, Steve Williams is also a member of the MG's of Baltimore Club. Steve presented to TRAC an award for the largest non-MGOB club membership in attendance at their recent "Rocks" show.
- I. As TRAC is about to move its web site, we have the opportunity to apply for our own Internet name. Several names were discussed but since we cannot at the moment lock-in the name we'd prefer, a preference vote on the names identified the following list in a descending order of preference: [www.tracmdtr.org](http://www.tracmdtr.org), [www.tracltd.org](http://www.tracltd.org), and [www.tractr.org](http://www.tractr.org).
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### 3. Coming Events

Here's a list of upcoming events!

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1. November Membership Meeting Highlights

On Tuesday November 13, a TRAC General Membership meeting was held at the Sunset Restaurant in Glen Burnie. The following members attended: John & Anita Marie Zahn, Ralph Mason, Bob Wittlinger, David Schenck, Sherman & Camellia Taffel, Steve & Val Williams, Russ Pagano, Al Schmall, Mark Schmall, Dick & Karen Martin, Tony Belenki, Bill & Connie Taylor, Ed Oldewurtel, Paul Hagert, Chris Horant, Gary Klein, Rich & Carol Baines, Mark McLean, Don & Helen Cumberland and Craig Wensley. Highlights of the meeting are listed below:

I. Members were provided an update of the raffle ticket sales. The due date for the ticket sale money will be announced. The winning raffle ticket will be selected at TRAC's Winter Party held on January 12, 2002.

II. Ralph Mason provided an update of activities for the Winter Dinner. The location will be the Boumi Temple with the catering to be provided by Atlantic Caterers. Ralph presented a sample of menu items and will be negotiating the final details this week. Information will be announced via email and placed on the website shortly.

III. Al Schmall gave an update to the activities of the Show Planning committee. Al contacted the Director of the Columbia Festival of the Arts to gauge reception of linking our car show to this event next summer. Director was receptive to the idea and stated that they are in the planning stage at the moment. We should hear something by February. This committee is still in the conceptual development stage and still welcomes any ideas from members for a show next season. Please contact Al directly.

IV. TRAC Regalia is once again available. Dick Martin delivered all the shirts that were on order, except the hats, which will be available shortly. Members were reminded that orders can be made by printing out a form from the website and sending it off to Dick.

V. The next TRAC Record should be available shortly. If it is a relatively small file, it will be emailed to members, otherwise, we will print and mail it.

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